



SPECIAL CALL MEETING CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF HOMESTEAD

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2015, 6:00 PM
WILLIAM F. "BILL" DICKINSON COMMUNITY CENTER
1601 NORTH KROME AVENUE, HOMESTEAD, FL 33030

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

2. INVOCATION - ELDER CHAUNCEY BROWN

The invocation was led by Elder Chauncey Brown.

3. NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem was sung by Loretta Marsicano.

4. HONOR GUARD

The Color Guard was presented by the Homestead Police Department.

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL

The pledge of allegiance was led by the Mayor's Youth Council.

6. ROLL CALL

Mayor and Council present: Mayor Porter, Vice Mayor Shelley, Councilman Burgess, Councilwoman Patricia Fairclough, Councilman Elvis Maldonado, Councilman Stephen Shelley, and Councilman Jimmie L. Williams, III, Councilwoman Judy Waldman was absent.

7. CERTIFICATION OF THE NOVEMBER 3, 2015 GENERAL ELECTION AND OCTOBER 6, 2015 PRIMARY ELECTION

City Attorney Richard Weiss read the following Resolution in its entirety:

CERTIFICATION NO. R2015-11-116: CERTIFICATION OF THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF HOMESTEAD, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, CONCERNING CANVASSING OF RETURNS OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION OF OCTOBER 6, 2015 AND THE GENERAL ELECTION OF NOVEMBER 3, 2015, AND CERTIFYING RESULTS THEREOF.

Whereas a primary election was held in and for the City of Homestead on October 6, 2015, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and one Councilmember, in accordance with the Charter of said city; and whereas, a general election was held in and for the City of Homestead on November 3, 2015, for the purpose of electing one (1) Councilmember (with one (1) other Councilmember having been elected by operation of law, without

opposition, Mayor having been elected at the Primary Election by receiving more than 50% plus one of the votes cast and one (1) other Councilmember having been elected at the primary election by receiving more than 50% plus one of the votes cast) and determining the Vice- Mayor designation, in accordance with the Charter of said city; and whereas, said elections were duly held and returns have been made in accordance with Section 10-10 of the Code of the City of Homestead, said returns having been certified by the Miami-Dade County Canvassing Board and the Elections Department.

Now, therefore, be it certified by the City Clerk of the City of Homestead, and the results of the elections are as follows:

VICE MAYOR (General Election)

Patricia Fairclough	-	1,434
Larry Meno, Jr.	-	408

COUNCIL (General Election)

Jon A. Burgess	-	1,373	SEAT #2
Larry Meno, Jr.	-	468	SEAT #2

MAYOR (Primary Election)

Stephen McDuffie	-	178
Ramiro Orta	-	261
Jeffrey D. "Jeff" Porter	-	1,236

COUNCIL (Primary Election)

Larry Roth	-	970	SEAT #3
Mervin Waldman	-	413	SEAT #3
Willie Wamble	-	284	SEAT #3

COUNCIL

Patricia Fairclough	-	Unopposed SEAT #6
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That on the basis of the above returns, the following candidates are declared elected to office in the City of Homestead as follows:

MAYOR
Jeff Porter, to serve a two-year term

VICE MAYOR
Patricia Fairclough, Vice Mayor designation for a two-year period

COUNCIL

Jon A. Burgess, to serve a four-year term
Patricia Fairclough, to serve a four-year term
Larry Roth, to serve a four-year term

A Motion to accept the Resolution was made by Councilman Burgess, seconded by Vice Mayor Shelley.

Mayor Porter asked all in favor: Ayes all.

Motion carried.

8. SINE DIE

Mayor Porter thanked Pastor Brown for the invocation, recognized the Homestead Police Department Honor Guard who always represented very well at various venues, and applauded Loretta Marsicano for her rendition of the National Anthem.

Mayor Porter asked that all council members remove themselves from the dais to participate in the Sine and Die.

9. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEW COUNCIL

City Attorney Richard Weiss stated the next item on the agenda was the Oath of Office, whereby the council would have their swearing in administered as follows:

- Nicholas Sincere to Jeffery Porter
- Carlos Brown to Patricia Fairclough
- Sheryl Burgess and Jon Russell Burgess (JR) to Jon Burgess
- Alisa McPheron to Larry Roth

City Attorney Weiss asked the remaining council members to join the sworn in council members on the dais. Mayor Porter asked if the council members would like to say thing.

Vice Mayor Patricia Fairclough thanked God, who, she said, had consistently shown her grace. She thanked the community for their unwavering support, her family who she would continue to make proud, and her campaign team for being the wind beneath her wings. The Vice Mayor said she was grateful to her colleagues and staff for the opportunity to sit alongside them, and was inspired by their honesty, integrity, and transparency. She dedicated her endeavor to her mother, and several warrior women, who had all pushed past pain and curveballs, rising above it all with grit, grace, and fortitude. The Vice Mayor thanked the Mayor's Youth Council for keeping her young at heart, and expressed gratitude to them for allowing her to lead as their liaison. She said she loved Homestead, and could not wait to serve in her Vice Mayor capacity.

Councilman Larry Roth stated he had been a servant in the city for 20 years, and he ran his campaign for the citizens of Homestead as his heart belonged to the public. He thanked his best friend and love of his life Alisa McPheron, who was by his side throughout the duration of the campaign knocking on doors and getting to know the community, his son Zack, and his Father for teaching him that hard work always pays off. He further, expressed gratitude towards those who were vital to his successful campaign: Tony Garcia, Susan Newman, Rogér Trujillo, campaign consultant Emiliano, Dana and Mark Pastorela, Melissa Galliago, Jan Ornsteen, Brock and Joeland Shiffer, Charlie Crumplers, David Lowens, Judy and Mark Constable, Larry Diehl, Adelia Martinez, Steven and Laurie Losner, Andrea Butler, Margaret Gooding, Matt Choy, Alvis Truvistio, Sharon Fields, Kim Freky, and Bonnie King Moran. Councilman Roth announced he looked forward to working with the City Council and staff and appreciated their words of encouragement and professionalism throughout the process.

Councilman Jon Burgess thanked the residents who believed in his third term, and thanked the community for voting. He asserted behind every man were two good women: a mother and a wife. He expressed gratitude towards his mother for returning to Homestead to campaign with him, and to his wife and son for their daily sacrifices and inspiration. He acknowledged Tony and Nancy Garcia for working endlessly, Adelia Martinez and her family, the City's great staff and City Manager for their efforts, City Attorney Richard Weiss for his guidance, and the mayor and newly elected vice mayor for their endorsements. Councilman Burgess stated when he joined the council in 2003, he was greeted by former Mayor Lynda Bell, former Mayor Roscoe Warren, and former Vice Mayor Steven Losner, all of whom were also in the audience. He thanked them for making him feel a part of the team, and always encouraging him to be involved. Councilman Burgess said there was still much work to be done, and there is a long way to go, but the City had already accomplished so much, and was going to continue moving forward.

Councilman Jimmie Williams commended the Mayor and his esteemed colleagues on their election, and said it would be a pleasure working with Councilman Larry Roth. He congratulated Councilman Burgess on his third re-election, and told Vice Mayor Fairclough that he was glad to have her on the dais to provide that gentle touch that is often needed. The councilman submitted Mayor Porter had done an exceptional job, and although they didn't always agree on everything, it was an honor to serve alongside him and be under his leadership. To the City staff, City Manager, City Attorney, he said they had accomplished some great things as a result of having a great team, and he looked forward to continuing to serve the great people in the city of Homestead.

Councilman Stephen Shelley voiced the dais now consisted of a sitting Vice Mayor and two former Vice Mayors, which showed dedication from the Council to the community. He commended Mayor Porter and Vice Mayor Fairclough on their election, and welcomed Councilman Roth to the dais. The councilman said he looked forward to continuing the work, and that the City had big projects moving forward, all a testament to the success of the council and the leadership of his colleagues. He stated more than 70% of the electoral body voted each incumbent back into office, and he was happy to have his peers return.

Councilman Maldonado thanked everyone who ran for election and their sacrifices for the benefit of the City. He said he was very honored and proud to serve with such intelligent colleagues who worked very hard. He said he looked forward to continuing the relationship with his peers and making a difference in the city. Councilman Maldonado observed that Councilman Larry Roth had been in the community working, prior to becoming a councilmember, and it was good to see members of the community that put in the time transition to working on the council. He said Homestead was a great city, much was happening, and great things awaited.

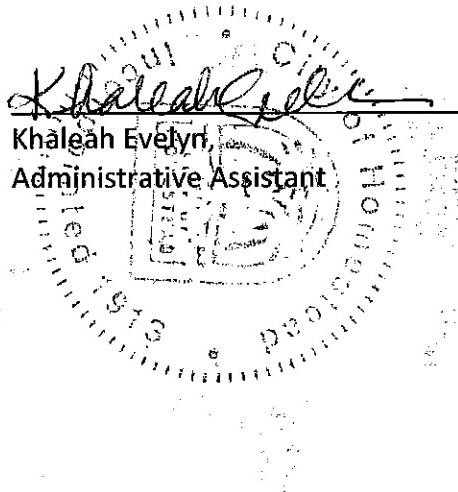
Mayor Porter thanked the community for voting, and said the election was a mandate for the council to

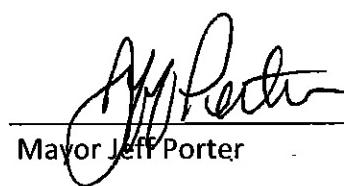
continue the path they were on as there was a huge turnout for the support of the incumbents. The Mayor recognized his wife, Cindy, for her understanding and support, as well as his parents, and father-in-law Nick Sincere who was responsible for his involvement in politics. The Mayor acknowledged Miami Dade County Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava, former Mayor Roscoe Warren, former Mayor and father-in-law Nick Sincere, former Mayor Lynda Bell, Frank Balsa be, and Bobby Brown who were all present in the audience. The Mayor stated the City Manager and staff were doing a great job of taking bold actions and keeping their promises, and as a result that is how the Council received 70% of support from the community. Further, the Mayor thanked the City Attorney's Office, and said City Attorney Richard Weiss was one of the few people who knew the history of Homestead, and had been present for many of the key issues. He said Homestead was now undergoing another legacy period with Phase 2 of downtown revitalization, a new City Hall building, the opening of the Seminole Theater, and the building of a new Police Department. Mayor Porter concluded the city council had stepped up and took risks, and brought the public along.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Khaleah Evelyn
Administrative Assistant


Mayor Jeff Porter